

## Message Text

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DRAFTED BY NEA/ARP:J W TWINAM:LB  
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DESIRED DISTRIBUTION  
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R 161450Z JUN 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY DOHA

UNCLAS STATE 153397

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, QA

SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL - MERIT CIGARETTES

REFERENCE: DOHA 752

COLUMNIST ART BUCHWALD CALLED NEA OFFICER ON JUNE 14 TO  
SEEK VERIFICATION OF DOHA 752. BUCHWALD READ TEXT OF  
CABLE FROM COPY WHICH HE HAD SOMEHOW OBTAINED, SAYING  
THAT PHILIP MORRIS HAD INDICATED IT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF  
MERIT CIGARETTE PROBLEM AND HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE  
TELEGRAM WAS NOT HOAX. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT OFFICER

REFUSED TO CONFIRM VERBATIM TEXT OF MESSAGE, BUCHWALD  
INDICATED HE EXPECTED TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH IT.  
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## Message Attributes

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**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
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